

### **REMARKS**

In the Restriction Requirement dated April 21, 2008, the Examiner restricted the claims as follows: claims 1-3, 10-13, 150, and 151 (Group I), drawn to a system, classified in class 607, subclass 3; and claims 32-34, 41-44, 63-78, 150, and 151 (Group II), drawn to a system, classified in class 607, subclass 60. Applicant's Representatives note the absence of the mention of pending claims 4-7, 14-31, 35-38, 45-62, and 79-148 in the current Restriction Requirement. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4-7 and 14-31, which depend on claim 1, and which were previously withdrawn as a result of species elections, in view of the present Restriction Requirement, are no longer withdrawn and so belong with the claims in Group I. Likewise, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 35-38 and 45-62, which depend on claim 32, and which were previously withdrawn as a result of species elections, in view of the present Restriction Requirement, are no longer withdrawn and therefore belong with the claims in Group II.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 21, 2008, Applicant elects, with traverse, the invention of Group I (claims 1-7 and 10-31). The Restriction Requirement is traversed on the basis that Restriction Requirements are optional in all cases. M.P.E.P. § 803. If the search and examination of at least a portion of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it arguably may include claims to distinct or independent inventions. M.P.E.P. § 803. Due to the fact that claims 1-7, 10-38, 41-78, and 150-151 have been searched and examined, as evidenced by the Restriction Requirement dated September 23, 2005, and the four Office Actions dated March 31, 2006, October 2, 2006, April 26, 2007 and December 4, 2007, for the above-referenced application, claims 1-7, 10-38, 41-78, and 150-151 can be efficiently and effectively searched with no additional burden placed on the Examiner. Moreover, claim 1 is believed to be generic to claim 32; therefore, a search and examination of claim 1 would include a search and examination of claim 32.

Therefore, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6959 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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